

Minutes of the Public Hearing on FY 2015-2016 Tentative Budget Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montgomery held in the Meeting Room at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549 on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury (Absent), Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Deputy Village Clerk Murphy, Police Chief Walsh, Justice Clerk Conroy, Treasurer Benedict, Building Inspector Yancewicz, Rachel Coleman, Maria Beltrametti, Don Berger, Steve Magyar, Dave Marcinack, Johanna Sweikata, Walter Pahucki, Marc Devitt

RE: TENTATIVE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board Opened the Public Hearing on the 2015– 2016 Tentative Budget at 7:00 pm. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING PAPERS FILED

Mayor Brescia asked the Deputy Village Clerk Murphy, if all the necessary paperwork is filed to hold a public hearing.

Deputy Village Clerk Murphy said yes, all the paperwork is on file and processed to hold a public hearing.

RE: REVIEW OF TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mayor Brescia started reading the 2015-2016 tentative budget section by section in case the public has any questions.

ON PAGE ONE

Revenues, surplus, fund balance, assessed valuation, tax rate. Any questions on the first page?

Public response: Maria Beltrametti asked if cash surplus was considered a contingency fund.

Mayor Brescia: No. Heather, can you explain?

Treasurer Benedict: Surplus is the money that has not been spent during the year but is available for the following year.

Ms. Beltrametti: So then this is last year's leftovers.

Ms. Benedict: You can look at it that way.

LEGISLATIVE

Public response: Ms. Beltrametti: Just overall, can I make a general...

Mayor Brescia: Wait until the end to do that. We're going to go through each section first, if you have a general question, wait until the end.

Ms. Beltrametti: There seems to be contractals which is on every budget.

Mayor Brescia: Okay, but still wait until the end. If you have a question about contractual on each section, you can ask at that time.

Ms. Beltrametti: What is the contractual for legislative. What is that...

Mayor Brescia: Heather, could you give a few of those things...

Ms. Benedict: That would be anything that the Board spends money on.

Ms. Beltrametti: Such as?

Ms. Benedict: When they go to conferences, if they need travel expenses for the conferences; that comes out of contractual.

Mayor Brescia: The newsletter...

Ms. Benedict: The newsletter, also, yes.

Mayor Brescia: What else?

Ms. Benedict: Plaques honoring whoever, in the Village.

Ms. Beltrametti: Why such a big jump since last year to this year?

Ms. Benedict: I believe it was to cover something.

Ms. Beltrametti: I remember last year there were taxes to be paid on the Conroy property.

Mayor Brescia: It may have been the ads for the Wallkill Valley Times we were over budget on.

Ms. Benedict: That's possible. She checks...yes, it's because it is over budget this year. I can go print out what we've actually spent on it for this year.

Mayor Brescia: Okay, you could do it after we go through the budget.

JUDICIAL

Public: Ms. Beltrametti: Again, the contractual, here.

Mayor Brescia asked Justice Clerk Conroy to explain.

Ms. Conroy: That's all the expenditures for the court; envelopes, postage, supplies and maintenance for the copy machine, any of her forms, receipt book, all the law book updates, supplies for the court room, the judge's chambers, the deliberation room, the court office, the justice's education, the annual training for the court clerk, the court room program and maintenance agreement which is mandatory for the computer, telephone, fax line, computer internet, annual dues, any computer supplies, any maintenance, anything that costs the court to run, comes out of the contractual. The court pays for everything on its own. The Village, any other department, doesn't cover anything in that. We pay for our own postage, telephone lines, fax lines.

Mayor Brescia: I think we got the picture. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE

Public response: Ms. Beltrametti: Okay, the contractual, again. Last year the newsletter came out of the Mayor's contractual.

Mayor Brescia: Okay, what else? Heather?

Ms. Benedict: Any training that you go to, any courses that you go to are covered out of there. It's any Mayoral expense period. The Mayor's section has only two lines, one is salary and one is for anything else the Mayor needs to pay for.

Mr. Don Berger: Steve, it is defined on each item with this contractual business that only certain things say, under legislative, judicial, executive, that only...say for yours, is there are only certain things that could be taken out of that money? Or is it bounced all over the place?

Mayor Brescia: Yes, it's categorized, you try to fit within a category. Like if it's postage or faxes, letters, paper, whatever; things like that. Heather has a better breakdown in her office, if somebody wants to see that, Heather can certainly put that out. We don't usually bring that out at the public hearing on the budget, but we certainly could.

Mr. Berger: On your raise. From \$12,000 to \$13,800, that's a 15% raise. Is that normal that a raise would be at that type of level?

Mayor Brescia: I think the Board has talked about adjusting my salary over the years, and over the last two or three years, we've started to do that. It's still well below most of the mayors around. The mayor in New Paltz is making about \$25,000, with a budget much lower than ours.

Mr. Berger: But he makes national news.

Mayor Brescia: I think my salary is well below what it should be. I'm not saying that with a cocky attitude, but with the hours I put in over the years, it should've been adjusted a long time ago. We're starting to do that now.

Mr. Berger said: So that means for yourself and the Trustees?

Mayor Brescia: The Trustees is less. It used to be the Mayor made about \$1000 more than the Trustees but now we're starting to widen it a little bit.

Mr. Berger: On page 11 and on page 13, it has two items; one under Administration it has \$900 for Mayor and under Community Service \$900 for Mayor. What is that, is that money paid to you?

Mayor Brescia: Yes. It's time I spend on the Water Sewage budget and water sewage matters throughout the year. That's not uncommon.

Mr. Berger: salary separate from...

Mayor Brescia: Yes, it's all combined in one check that I gets. Some of it comes out of water/sewage.

Ms. Beltrametti asked why spread it around. Why not show it on one line? It just seems, you know...

Mayor Brescia: It's done that way in many municipalities.

Ms. Beltrametti: But why? Is there a good reason for it? What is the reason for the increase, first of all? Because, I think there should be a reason. Not just, "because I can."

Mayor Brescia: I just said that. I'm not going to go on and on about it.

Trustee Lindner: That on Steve's behalf, he puts in a tremendous amount of time as the Mayor and in regards to what other Mayors in the County make, again, we have to look at a standard.

Ms. Beltrametti: That's a very vague frame of reference because we're not talking about all those other Villages, whatever they do is up to them.

Trustee Lindner: But when you're talking about salaries, you look at standards. When I was working and we would hire people to do consulting work to establish salaries, one of the things that they would look at is what industry standards were for that particular position. You have to look at the same within governments, as to what a government position is and what the going salary is.

Ms. Beltrametti: But as we just said, it varies dramatically and private enterprise is one thing but public service is quite another.

Mayor Brescia: Okay, let's move on. Let's stay on the same page, let's not jump. We'll go to 11 and beyond that afterwards, okay?

AUDITOR

FINANCE

Public Response: Maria Beltrametti: Contractual?

Mayor Brescia, Okay, Heather?

Ms. Benedict: Tax bills, water/sewer bills, envelopes, postage, toner for the printer, calculator ribbon, pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, anything we need to run the Treasurer's office.

Ms. Beltrametti: How does that differ from equipment.

Ms. Benedict: Equipment would be if we needed a new printer or needed a new computer. Equipment is a bigger item.

Ms. Beltrametti: So that big jump for this year, do you foresee new equipment this year?

Ms. Benedict: There is a possibility of needing to get a new photocopier. Because the Treasurer's office uses the photo copier a lot, we would be splitting the cost of that with the Clerk's office.

Trustee Lindner: If the contractual included the software upgrade that you just went through?

Ms. Benedict: Yes.

CLERK

LAW

Public Response: Mr. Berger: If the \$80,000 is all retainer for Mr. Dowd. What else does that include? Why isn't there a line item for that? Or line item to show what you are actually paying to?

Mayor Brescia: No, it includes their PBA attorney, too, and our other legal expenses. We don't usually break it down that way, you can get a breakdown if you want.

Mr. Berger: I'm wondering why things aren't listed; for instance, what Mr. Dowd's retainer is; what the Labor Council's paid? Whatever it might be? Why aren't they separated?

Ms. Benedict: can I respond to that?

Mayor Brescia: Yes.

Ms. Benedict: The budget is based on New York State standards that are set by the Office of the State Controller and when she goes to classes, they say that you can break everything out by line by line by line by line but that would be a stupid thing to do because it would drive you nuts having to make sure that you paid each line. So contractual is what the State says we should hitting for a variety of things, such as postage, paper, travel expenses, hotel stays, that kind of thing. If we were to try to create a separate line for each individual lawyer, that would end up pretty hairy.

Mr. Berger: I think that if you have a Village Attorney here, at least his retainer fees could be listed so that the public knows what it is. That's a simple line. I understand you have different aspects and different attorneys, I get that part of it. That's contingency.

Ms. Benedict: No, it's not contingency, it's contractual.

Mr. Berger: Whatever it is. I'm just saying that it just seems to be a large number there, there should be some sort of broader line item for it. What are we doing?

Ms. Beltrametti: I think it also points to sort of a philosophical question about the word contractual. Because contractual..inaudible...sounds like you've signed on the dotted line, you're obliged to pay that. But it's not really, from what you're saying...

Atty. Dowd: There are legal retainers. I have a retainer with the Village, the Bond Counsel charges for bond issues and the Labor Counsel also has a retainer here.

Ms. Beltrametti: But then you also get paid by the hour for your litigation upstairs, isn't that true?

Atty. Dowd: For the court I have a different agreement than the Village.

Ms. Beltrametti: So you get paid by the hour

Atty. Dowd: Yes, by the court

Ms. Beltrametti: But do we commit to Mr. Dowd for a certain number of hours a year and if so, why?

Mayor Brescia: No.

Atty. Dowd: Because under retainer you get me for as many hours as you need me.

Ms. Beltrametti: For meetings, but...

Atty. Dowd: For all legal work other than those which are outside the retainer, maybe litigation, if we had litigation or in the court.

Ms. Beltrametti: For instance, when you trial the cases in traffic court, is that covered by your retainer?

Atty. Dowd: No

Ms. Beltrametti: Okay, so you're paid by the hour?

Atty. Dowd: Yes

Ms. Beltrametti: May I ask what your hourly rate is?

Atty. Dowd: \$160 hour, which is for what I agreed to do it but at least \$15 an hour less than my normal rate; they got me on a discount.

Mayor Brescia: It's cheap.

Atty. Dowd: My actual retainer per year is \$42,000

Ms. Beltrametti: So the retainer at \$42,000 and divide that by 12. For instance, how many hours do you spend on the traffic cases?

Atty. Dowd: It depends on how many meetings we have/how many court dates we have per month. Usually it's two, but sometimes we have one, sometimes we have three. On the average, it's about \$1,000 per month, a little less, maybe.

Ms. Beltrametti: We just received, if I recall correctly a couple of meetings ago, that 4,000 and small change from the NYS Court System?

Mayor Brescia: No, when you said that in the debate-we got \$4,000 in the court; we've gotten over \$80,000 in the court, I think you need to check your facts before you make statements like that.

Ms. Beltrametti: I got it off the agenda.

Mayor Brescia: Okay, we can try to break that down a little bit more as PBA attorney and Village retainer. We'll look at that.

Mr. Berger: I'm just thinking that it should be...

Mayor Brescia: Don, we're trying to keep it simple. We're not going to go into each item. If a constituent wants to come in and look at the budget .00A and see what the expenses are, we can let any constituent come in and look at them. If they don't want to FOIL it and pay .25 per page, which always seemed excessive to me, they can certainly come in here and look at each and every expense, lay it out on the table and the Treasurer will provide that for you.

Mr. Berger: So where does your piece for the court, where does that come out of?

Mayor Brescia: It should come out of the police budget, I believe.

Mr. Berger: It's not in judicial?

Mayor Brescia: No, there's a debate of whether we can put it in judicial or not.

Mr. Berger: That's what I'm saying, you get lost in it. To me, it's either under Law or under Judicial to find what we're paying attorneys.

Mayor Brescia: We'll certainly look into simplifying that. Well, it's out of the police budget.

Atty. Dowd: ...tickets that the police sign, you can't assign that to the court, the court is neutral, so they cannot be paying for a prosecutor before themselves, that's why it's got to be separated into both.

Mayor Brescia: In this budget we don't put down what every police officer makes, what every DPW, the same thing with the attorney, but we could simplify it enough where what you're paid out of and what we spend on PBA and what we spend on you. If we did put everybody down as a line item, the County budget is \$739,000,000 and is about that thick (shows size with fingers) and we're not going to be doing that. We can try to be a little more informative on this, certainly.

Mr. Berger: So that comes up in personal services? From the police budget?

Trustee Scheels: Can't he wait until we get there?

Inaudible...several people talking

Mayor Brescia: We put that under the courts which we possibly could...

Inaudible...the Atty. and Trustees talking...

We can't do it? It used to be the police officers that prosecuted the cases, too. We'll look at that, certainly.

ENGINEER

Mayor Brescia: This \$35,000; most of that is paid by the developers, I believe, most of the engineering costs. Some is paid by the Village. More than half is paid by the fees charged to the applicants.

Ms. Beltrametti: So is there sort of a counter-balancing revenue for that somewhere?

Mayor Brescia: There should be.

Ms. Benedict: Yes

Mayor Brescia: On page 9, Planning Fees, \$10,000. It should be more than that, right? Well, maybe I'm wrong.

Atty. Dowd: And the Village recaptures some of mine, as well, from the applicants.

Mayor Brescia: And certainly in the courts we do, too. Planning Fees, does that include the engineering and the...(inaudible)

Ms. Benedict: Yes, normally.

Mayor Brescia: I thought it would've been higher than that. It has been in the past.

Ms. Benedict: Sometimes, it has, yes.

Ms. Beltrametti: Inaudible...\$35,000 that we'll just look into it.

Mayor Brescia: Probably, which isn't unreasonable for an engineering cost for the Village. It's low for a lot of them around, if you look at them.

Ms. Beltrametti: I can only look what...inaudible

ELECTIONS

Ms. Beltrametti: Why is this? We don't have an election this year, do we?

Atty. Dowd: You have to pay for the County for elections?

Mayor Brescia: No, I think the Town does. Why do we have a \$3000 cost in there for elections?

Ms. Benedict: I don't know.

Mayor Brescia: I don't know, either.

Trustee Scheels: We'll have to look it up.

Mayor Brescia: Because budget starts June 1st and this election is over with and we don't have an election next year.

Atty. Dowd: Does Andy...

Mayor Brescia: Andy's not up. Andy was last year; Andy's not up for three years. We'll have to look at that.

SHARED SERVICES

Ms. Beltrametti: What are shared services?

Mayor Brescia: to Ms. Benedict: Can you go over that one?

Ms. Benedict: There are some instances where it's not easy to say that this much should come from police budget, this much should come from court budget, this much should come from treasurers budget. It's something that's so used by so many departments that it's shared. It's a shared service instead.

Ms. Beltrametti: So what is \$48,000 in personal services?

Ms. Benedict: Part of that would be the cleaner, the person that does the cleaning in all the different buildings; that has also been...what else...cleaner is the main thing that comes to mind.

Mayor Brescia: A lot of times I have these right in front of me, but I don't have them tonight.

Trustee Scheels: We don't have them.

Ms. Beltrametti: What is contractual, \$27,000? \$11,000 for supplies, so it's not supplies; it's not equipment.

Ms. Benedict: Again, that's all expenses that can't be specified specifically to one particular department because it's a variety that use it. I can print it out.

Ms. Beltrametti: Last year Heather showed me a big fat blue book and it had every single item as they were accounted for in each budget. Frankly, I saw a big, it seemed like a catch-all for whatever. From paper towels to, and I quote, "something for the Mayor." That's not good accounting of other people's money. I'm sorry.

Mayor Brescia: I don't have a big fudged budget that I just pick stuff out of and go spend "willy-nilly," so...

Ms. Beltrametti: I have to wonder, though, when you add all the contractual together it's over a million dollars and it seems very vague what goes...

Mayor Brescia: (at Ms. Benedict) Do you have a list that you can bring out here so that she can look at this, instead?

Ms. Benedict: I can do that.

Mayor Brescia: Okay, why don't you do that. So she can look at all the contractual that she wants to look at tonight. I don't think there's anything out of the ordinary that we're spending money on.

Ms. Beltrametti: Before we move from shared services, repairs to buildings, two budgets over, um..under street department there's also repairs to buildings. Which buildings are being repaired by whom?

Mayor Brescia: Usually out of the street department budget, it's direct buildings that are involved in the street department. The DPW garages, salt storage building; anything to do

with DPW, they come out of that line. If it's another building, like the senior center or rec center, historic museum, or Village museum, rather, its taken out of the other line, or Village Hall.

Ms. Beltrametti: So where is the new window for the museum coming from?

Mayor Brescia: It should be coming out of the repairs, not DPW repairs to building, the other one. And we are receiving a \$2,000 grant from the County, from two years ago, for two of those windows. Let's go on.

SPECIALTY ITEMS

Ms. Beltrametti: I'm sorry, before you go, contingency under specialty items, what is that?

Mayor Brescia: That is our contingency budget.this includes liability insurance and contingency.

Ms. Beltrametti: But for what? For anything?

Mayor Brescia: For anything. Emergencies, mainly.

Ms. Beltrametti: So, is that in addition to the...no, I'm sorry, do we have any cash reserve? Or is that it?

Mayor Brescia: That is our budget in case we have emergencies. We have surplus and we do have some cash reserve; Heather will have to explain that. Okay, let's keep moving on, here. Any other questions under Special Items?

Mr. Berger: What is the liability insurance? That's for park insurance?

Mayor Brescia: That's for all our insurances. Yes, on this building, on all our buildings, our land, things of that nature.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Beltrametti: Chief, what is your contractual? You've got everything else itemized, here; equipment repairs, equipment, insurance, utilities, supplies.

Mayor Brescia: You have your police cars under there, right?

Police Chief Walsh: I'll go through it. My contractual items are:
\$16,020 for the NYCom radio lease
\$1,327 for the Ricoh copier lease
\$1,560 for Cintas for the rugs
Firthcliffe Computer services \$3,000
Code Red \$4,300
License plate reader maintenance \$875

Orange County & New York State Chiefs Association Fee \$200 & \$150 individually
Our Record Management System which is called Impact \$5,000
Special Prosecutor for vehicle and traffic court \$15,000
Time Warner \$21.60

Ms. Beltrametti: Who is that special prosecutor? Is that you (to Atty. Dowd)?

Mayor Brescia: We discussed that earlier.

Chief Walsh:

Carbonite, which is an offsite backup system for our record management system \$1,000
GPS tracking is \$1,512 which adds up to my total contractual:
\$52,104

Ms. Beltrametti: What is this big jump in equipment?

Chief Walsh: That would be the cars.

Ms. Beltrametti: Are we buying new cars?

Chief Walsh: We are.

Mayor Brescia: We are leasing two cars.

Chief Walsh: We just lost another patrol car, it just went through its second transmission and it burns through a quart of oil a week. So, we're replacing that vehicle and we're leasing two vehicles through Ford Motor Credit at \$15,000 a year; fully equipped with lights and prisoner barriers for 3 years. At the end of the term, the municipality can buy it for \$1-that's the current Ford Motor Credit Plan for Municipalities.

Mayor Brescia: Is there anything else under Police Department?

Ms. Beltrametti: That adds up to \$30,000, where's the other thirty?

Chief Walsh: Hold on one second. We also would need to update our computer systems, that the two in the cars that are coming out of service are antiquated. One of them, in fact, doesn't work at all. In addition to the actual system, you need the mounting system that goes in the car so that's \$7,000 for each vehicle so that's \$14,000 for two cars. \$2,500 would be for Air Cards, which would make the cars wireless, so basically, the plan is, the officers can actually do their work on the street without having to return to the station, making them more efficient.

Ms. Beltrametti: Weren't those systems put in new, last year when the...

Chief Walsh: No, we received a grant, I think it was two years ago. We received four brand new laptops. The straight software...

Ms. Beltrametti: How was that paid for last year?

Chief Walsh: What was that?

Ms. Beltrametti: Your...

Chief Walsh: It wasn't, it's new. They're not wireless or anything.

Ms. Beltrametti: Oh.

Chief Walsh: The straight software speaks for itself. Body armor; we pay half of any new vest, this year we will be incurring three new vests, the State picks up half. \$250 is for any newly issued police ids for repairs to shields. We are investing in a body-worn camera system this year and that's where \$10,000 comes from. That covers the police equipment line.

Mayor Brescia: Okay, anything else under the police.

Mr. Berger: I've gotta say, I want to thank you for going over your budget like that and that's the way I think that it all should always be. We're asking all these questions and we're kind of vague with answers and the Chief comes here, he had a plan, he has knowledge and he has his paperwork and he gives us a clear cut answers to, for each question. I think that's the way it should always be, every department should be that way. Thank you.

Mayor Brescia: Thank you, Don. Anything else under police?

SAFETY FROM ANIMALS

SAFETY INSPECTION

Public Response: Ms. Beltrametti: Yes, again, here contractual, fire inspection contractual, how does that all pan out?

Mayor Brescia: I believe Bruce is paid per fire inspection, under contractual. Bruce? Correct?

Building Inspector Yancewicz: Correct.

Mayor Brescia: And salary is...

Building Inspector Yancewicz: He is speaking to the Mayor but Ms. Beltrametti is speaking over him.

Ms. Beltrametti: What is the difference between the contractual and fire inspector contractual.

Mayor Brescia: Pardon? Yes, they are two separate, yes.

Ms. Beltrametti: What is the difference between the contractual and fire inspector contractual.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: He has his schooling that comes out. His building inspector schooling that he has to attend, and all his updates, upgrades.

Building Inspector Yancewicz: Monthly schooling, end of the year schooling and books.

Ms. Beltrametti: I would love the documentation about the fire inspector's contractual because all I can say is that in the seven years that I've had a business, I've had two inspections and I never got any kind of receipt for it so I had no proof, whatsoever...

Mayor Brescia: I don't want to get into a cross-fire here, but I don't think that's true. And you're shaking your head no? (At Bruce) I don't think so.

Ms. Beltrametti: Well, it is true. Again, it's my word against his.

Mayor Brescia: And you're in court on a matter, so let's not even discuss that here. Let's not discuss it. You're (inaudible) with the Building Inspector and his frequency there because we're still in court with you on a matter, so I don't want to discuss it.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: But in case you're interested, every single month we get a report from the fire inspector with the sights that he sees, whether they passed or failed, and what they failed for and that he has to go back and reinspect them after they correct whatever the action is, so I'm sure that these are on file in the Village office so that you know that he's not cheating us out of any money.

Ms. Beltrametti: Don't you think that the inspectee has a right to a receipt of the visit, some kind of written confirmation that she/he has passed inspection or has not passed inspection and what are the things that need to be corrected, I think that's only fair.

Mayor Brescia: You do that normally, Bruce?

Building Inspector Yancewicz: yeah, I do that. Inaudible...on cases I'm working on right now that's definitely going to probably be two sheets long. And I'm talking right to you Ms. Beltrametti.

Ms. Beltrametti: You still working on my issues?

Building Inspector Yancewicz: Well, yeah, it took me over a week just to get you to take down the signs that I asked you to take down-I had to write an Order to Remedy, it took the Village Clerk and myself over 2 ½ hours worth of time that we need here for other issues in the Village, just to get you to take your signs down.

Ms. Beltrametti: That was ludacrist. And that was a ludacrist waste of taxpayer resources because my signs were not lawn signs. Okay, they had to be taken down by a man with power tools and a tall ladder; neither of which I have at my disposal. I had to call the guy who put them up, take them down. We had three snow storms between election day and

yesterday when they were taken down. We had several wind storms, we had several rain storms...

Mayor Brescia: Let's get back to the budget, please. And you're right, Don, the Chief was very meticulous, Buddy is the same way with his budget. Buddy happens to be away this week, usually he's not away at budget time. But we don't usually have this many questions on a budget that's only \$1.66 % increase. But you certainly have a right to ask questions. Many of these questions could be laid out for you. We don't have the answer at our fingertips on every contractual item but we can certainly get that for you. And I doubt many municipalities around do and these kind of questions are actually for the clerk.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: Our Village Clerk is in the hospital after having surgery and I'm sure that being that she's been the clerk for a while, she would have the answers to some of your questions but we had no control over this, I mean this was an emergency and so we're trying to do the best we can. We do have all of the information that you're more than welcome to come in to. Heather has it all in the office, there, that can be laid out, but it is very time consuming to go through every single item, whereas if there's only one or two people that are interested, in knowing the items, they could come down and she could go through them in probably ten minutes.

Mayor Brescia: And the Court Clerk was very meticulous with her answers, as well.

Mr. Berger: You guys are doing a good job. Relax.

Mayor Brescia: Just not used to this many questions at budget time, you know. And it's just tough to answer some of these questions.

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

STREET DEPARTMENT

Public Response: Ms. Beltrametti: Again, repairs to buildings, explain to me the difference buildings that the street department repairs versus the...

Mayor Brescia: I just did that, explained it, I'm not going to explain it again. Please listen. Explained it thoroughly, I thought.

SNOW REMOVAL

Ms. Beltrametti: Okay, contractual on snow removal. Why is that so high?

Mayor Brescia: Go ahead (to Ms. Benedict)

Ms. Benedict: Salt is expensive; that's in there.

Ms. Beltrametti: Inaudible

Ms. Benedict: It's in contractual, again, the State Controllers Office suggests that you don't put things to nitty-gritty to that kind of detail because it becomes...

Deputy Mayor Scheels: Cumbersome

Ms. Beltrametti: ...then you have contractual, then you have supplies, you have gravel, which are also supplies...

Ms. Benedict: Because they have enough differentiation of the kind of things they have that are expensive enough items that it makes sense to split, but if you were trying to split down in contractual how much of it was bulk control salt, how much of it was a new windshield wipers for the snow plow truck, you could drive yourself nuts trying to break out each and every one of those little items. So, yes, they are contractual under snow removal, the bulk of that is the ice control, the salt that we purchase and those prices have been going up.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: And it is a contracted item.

Ms. Benedict: You never know how of a winter you are going to have; sometimes it's hardly anything and sometimes it's a lot.

Mayor Brescia: With the severe winter we had this year...

Ms. Benedict: But wiper blades would be in there, too, for example.

STREET LIGHTING

Public Response: Ms. Beltrametti: Again, \$57,000 in contractual for street lighting? What the heck is that?

Ms. Benedict: That is what it costs to pay Central Hudson.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: That is street lighting.

Ms. Beltrametti: So its utilities, right, we're talking about power.

Ms. Benedict: It's power.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: It with contract with Central Hudson, so it's contractual.

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Public Response: Ms. Beltrametti: What is the contractual there?

Mayor Brescia: That's basically when we do sidewalks. We try to do about that amount every year. It's replacing...it varies from one year to the next. We don't have the exact

sidewalks...when we see a sidewalk that's damaged, we try to replace that sidewalk, or section, or area. Sometimes we spend \$18,000, sometimes we spend a little more, sometimes we spend a little less. But that's what we try to keep in the budget; anywhere from \$15,000 - \$20,000 per year. Especially when we see a cracked area along the school corridor-that's what we try to hit first, if we can, but other areas. Or it includes the old slate sidewalks that we try to replace.

Mr. Berger: I think it's hard for us, Steve, the word contractual seems to be used very freely to mean and do whatever you want it to do. I think that us, here, are just trying to get an understanding of what contractual is all about. Because, basically, Maria has gone through every item here and asked about contractual, and we're getting different stuff from you guys. One minute it's paper clips, the next minute it's Central Hudson. Do you understand?

Ms. Benedict: Well, we don't need paper clips for street lighting.

Mayor Brescia: What would you put under that line besides contractual, I don't know, legally?

Ms. Benedict: Because we believe we can't-the State dictates the contractual...

Mayor Brescia: If anybody wants to come here and look at the budget, what everything is spent for, everything is black and white. It varies in certain areas but street lighting is street lighting and sidewalks are sidewalks.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: And if there's too much in this budget, it rolls over, it's not like it...it stays.

Mayor Brescia: It's the legal term they like to put in these categories.

Mr. Magyar: It's such a big number each one of the departments here that it's like, \$4,000, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$50,000 contractual...wait a minute, what is that? So I mean, I think they're looking for clarification but does this come in an excel spreadsheet with all the details behind it? Is that possible to get a hold of that?

Ms. Benedict: With the new software I believe I can export stuff into excel but I haven't tried doing it yet.

Mr. Magyar: What software are you using?

Deputy Mayor Scheels: It's brand new.

Ms. Benedict: Right now, it's Springbrook.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: She just got trained on it, it's brand new.

Mr. Magyar: She's smart...we know she's smart.

PARK AND RECREATION

YOUTH PROGRAM

Mayor Brescia: This is subsidized by fees and Town money and whatever else. Right, JoAnn?

Deputy Mayor Scheels: Yes

Mayor Brescia: Great program; basketball program, also the same. We're going to have a new director, I understand; Bruce is retiring but he's got a lady that's going to take over.

Ms. Benedict: I know the first part, I don't know the second.

Mayor Brescia: he'll be in touch with you.

LIBRARY

MUSEUM

HISTORIAN

CELEBRATIONS

Flipped the tape over

Mr. Magyar...a strange thing to have under celebrations.

Inaudible...laughing...

Mayor Brescia: That's a lot of, General Montgomery Day and a lot of it we did under the revenue side. We spend money on Montgomery Day and we get money back.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: The bands, everything that we hire.

Mayor Brescia: Vendors fees, donations, we're close to being in the black on Montgomery Day.

Mr. Magyar: That would be under revenue though, won't it?

Deputy Mayor Scheels: Well, we spend money and then we get revenue back, so on the contractual, you're going to find it your revenue side, you're going to find a lot of that money.

Mayor Brescia: It should be close to that amount.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: On this budget, we have to show that we spent the money to get that money back. If it doesn't show then they're going to come down on us.

Mayor Brescia: We don't show much on the St. Patrick's Parade because most of that is fundraised.

PROGRAM FOR THE AGED

Mayor Brescia: That's our Senior Dining Program and our Wesley Hall.

Trustee Lindner: This is fully reimbursed by the County.

Ms. Beltrametti: That's what I thought.

Mayor Brescia: The Senior Dining Program

Deputy Mayor Scheels: That would be on the revenue side.

Trustee Lindner: ...you show it further on as an income...

Mayor Brescia: The senior dining program is but not what we give to Wesley Hall.

Trustee Lindner and Deputy Mayor Scheels: Yes

Ms. Beltrametti: I remember when the seniors were all up in arms about the Senior Center being used for whatever and they weren't given priority...it was said that the Village needed the money. Do we see any positives from that?

Trustee Lindner: Positives from what, from the dining program? The dining program is self-sufficient. It doesn't generate income beyond what its expenses are.

Ms. Beltrametti: Okay

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mayor Brescia: That should be \$2,459, it should be down \$1,000.

Ms. Beltrametti: Are there fewer people on it?

Mayor Brescia: No, there's hardly any meetings. They had one meeting last year.

PLANNING BOARD

ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

REFUSE AND GARBAGE

SHADE TREES

Public Response: Ms. Beltrametti: What is contractual for shade trees?

Mayor Brescia: Is when we have to cut trees, prune trees, or trim trees, replace trees. Cherry trees-I think we have to replace one downtown. We usually stay within budget on that or if we have to cut trees down.

Ms. Beltrametti: You wouldn't have to buy \$7,000 worth of trees?

Mayor Brescia: No, definitely not.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: But trimming the trees, getting rid of the refuse.

Ms. Benedict: We don't usually use our own people to do tree trimming because they need to have certain licenses to be able to trim trees and it's not something that our people are qualified to do it.

Mayor Brescia: It's very dangerous, as you well know from last week.

Ms. Beltrametti: So there's \$1,000 that would be...inaudible...

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

SERIAL BONDS

Public Response: Ms. Beltrametti: Where does the DPW building come out, bottom line? Is it all complete?

Mayor Brescia: Yes, it's complete and we have a bond. We pay part of it out of water/sewage, most of it's paid out of general.

Ms. Beltrametti: What was the total expense?

Ms. Benedict: I'll go get it.

Mayor Brescia: We'll go on to page 9.

STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

ESTIMATED REVENUES OTHER THAN REAL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE LEVIED

Public Response: Ms. Beltrametti: I was curious about fines and forfeited bail? Do we have a jail that I don't know about?

Mayor Brescia: That is the term for what we get back from court administration. Barbara, do you want to explain that, briefly?

Ms. Conroy: That is the money we receive from NYS that the fines, from tickets, from penal law, from vehicle and traffic; that is money that the court receives.

Mayor Brescia: It was \$78,000, not \$4,000.

Ms. Beltrametti: Does nobody remember the meeting we had a couple of weeks ago and there was an item and it was fiscal year 14-15 and we received \$4,000 and something, from NYS court system.

Ms. Conroy: Was that a grant?

Ms. Beltrametti: No, I understood it to be the revenue.

Mayor Brescia: It was probably for one month. It's \$78,000, okay. Any other questions on the revenue page?

ESTIMATED REVENUE-WATER FUND

APPROPRIATIONS

Public Response: Ms. Beltrametti: Wait, I'm sorry, I was looking for one. Back a page. 11. Under Home and Community Service, Treasurer, Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Mayor. Why is this...is this part of their compensation?

Mayor Brescia: Yes, it's part of their compensation because part of their time of their yearly salary is spent on these matters; water/sewage, administration.

Mr. Berger: Administration-I look back at previous pages and I see the Mayor, all you guys are listed here, you all have contractual so what's...inaudible.

Mayor Brescia: Under Home and Community Service?

Mr. Berger: Under Administration on page 13, you have contractual...

Ms. Beltrametti: We're still on 11.

Mayor Brescia: What is your question on 11? We'll come back to it.

Ms. Beltrametti: Under home and community service, what does that entail.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: That's water/sewage; we're in the water part.

Mayor Brescia: We're in water administration

Deputy Mayor Scheels: That is the water budget and then they do the water bills, collect the water fees so that's...

Mayor Brescia: The water meter reader to calculate what the bills will be.

Ms. Beltrametti: How can you possibly determine how much of their time is spent on home and community service.

Mayor Brescia: We probably can't, Maria, but we can get pretty close.

Ms. Beltrametti: I'm asking, why are we spreading things around? What are you trying to hide?

Deputy Mayor Scheels: Because the State says, it's not hiding. The state mandates how these are made. It's not hiding money, it's how the state mandates the budget is written. You have to go to the State and tell them how you'd like it made out and maybe they'll change it to that.

Mayor Brescia: Any other questions on that? Don, 13? What area are you looking at?

Mr. Berger: Looking at the contractual there of \$40,000. I'm just wondering, in the previous pages everybody has contractual lines, what is this contractual?

Mayor Brescia: Contractual under sewer fund.

Ms. Beltrametti: Inaudible

Mayor Brescia: You have that, Heather?

Ms. Benedict: Okay, I see it. And the question is what kind of things come out of there?

Mayor Brescia: Yes.

Mr. Berger: It seems to be redundant to me. Listed here with every item here, and you are the administration, aren't you?

Mayor Brescia: No, I'm not the \$40,000 administration. I'm paid \$900.

Ms. Benedict: There's a title missing out of there 8110, 8120 is something else.

Mayor Brescia: 8120.400G, what's out of that line, Heather?

Ms. Benedict: I would have to look that up. I don't know off the top of my head.

Mayor Brescia: Could it be JCO contract with us?

Ms. Benedict: JCO is under 8130.400

Mayor Brescia: So you don't know what the \$40,000 is?

Ms. Benedict: That might be...the testing that we have to have done. No, that would be under the 8130, also. I'd have to take a look. I could print it out.

Mayor Brescia: Okay, we'll come back to that. Anything on 14? We have to...the personnel services on the police budget. Did we adjust that already down to the \$513,000?

Ms. Murphy: Heather hasn't done it officially yet, but yes.

Mayor Brescia: Do you have the amount because if we're going to adopt it, we're going to need to adjust that tonight. And put it in contingency. Do you have that figure, Steve?

Ms. Murphy: That's the number we did over the phone.

Chief Walsh: The discrepancy was on the actual page two of the salary and wages schedule.

Mayor Brescia: Just give me the line item that we're going to adjust.

Chief Walsh: I don't think the actual police budget is incorrect, I think the schedule of salary and wages is.

Mayor Brescia: That doesn't matter, we don't normally have that anyway. You're bottom line is \$832,191?

Chief Walsh: Yes

Mayor Brescia: Then we don't need to do anything. You're just pointing that out to us. We just need that one question answered and then we're going to; we have that one adjustment of \$1000 and \$500 and \$500 to contingency. So we're adding \$500 to contingency, yes?

Ms. Murphy: Yes

Mayor Brescia: ...contractuals right in front of me so I can just read them off. That's what I'm going to have to do next year.

Deputy Mayor Scheels: I have that big book that Heather usually gives me, that I can go through, but I don't have it this year.

Mayor Brescia: Should have it anyway. And that change to contingency is \$35,690, okay? Make a note of that. That \$40,000?

Ms. Benedict: That is where we have, when we buy water meters because we don't meter the sewage but we use the amount of usage in water to bill to sewer, also. We extend some of that to sewer, so water meters are in there, insurance for the sewer plan, the sewer, piping underground, annual permit, dues that we have for being part of NY Water Association.

Mayor Brescia: What is the Year to Date on that \$40,000? Do you have that?

Ms. Benedict: Yes, so far we've spent \$33,000.

Mayor Brescia: From June 1, 2014 til now? Good. Thank you. Any other questions on the budget as a whole?

Ms. Beltrametti: Okay, I would just like to raise an objection. I object mightily to the Board and the Mayor raising their salaries just because they want to and just because they can. There has to be a reason.

Mayor Brescia: Okay, you don't like our reason but that's what our reason is.

Ms. Beltrametti: You've lied in the face of your own code of ethics, by the way...personal consideration. Yes, it does. It does.

Mr. Magyar: I just would like to say, I think that would be a...inaudible...we know one number is income, we know one number is...and we know the number...I think if we consider the...of this Village to other, it helps at a high level and look at those, we could say, how do we compare?

Trustee Lindner: Good point.

Mayor Brescia: I think we're up there among the top. Unfortunately we had to pierce the cap by 1% last year, maybrook is looking at a 6% increase this year. It's unfortunate. It's tougher and tougher to stay below the cap. The cap isn't 2%, it's below 2% in most places anymore, its unfortunate. The quality of life in our Village is second to none. I just take comments like that in stride and we just keep going on. I'll entertain a motion to close the public hearing on the budget.

Ms. Beltrametti: What about the worst case scenario at Waters Edge? How are we looking, do we have any kind of contingency plan? Do we have any kind of plan?

Mayor Brescia: We're going to get into that in a regular meeting, this is a public hearing on the budget. We're done with that. Okay. We're going to get into that with Don. Don's on our agenda. So, I know you have a hundred questions here, tonight, but we're on the budget and now we're off the budget.

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to close the public hearing.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board closed the tentative public hearing at 7:57 pm. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Tina Murphy, Deputy Village Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montgomery held in the Meeting Room at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549 on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 7:58 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury (Absent), Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Deputy Village Clerk Murphy, Police Chief Walsh, Justice Clerk Conroy, Treasurer Benedict, Maria Beltrametti, Johanna Sweikata, Marc Devitt, Thomas Steed, Walter Pahucki, Rachel Coleman, Don Berger, Steve Magyar, Dave Marcinack

Mayor Brescia opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RE: ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: MEET WITH BOARD

Dave Marcinack owns the property at the corner of 416 and Route 211. He is proposing the Montgomery Market and Auction, with a farmer market, colorful flags, vendors and crafts, at the entryway to the Village. He is currently zoned for a farmers market. He would like to bring to the Board, a rendition of the plan. His plan it to be open from April through October on Saturday and Sunday.

Atty. Dowd clarified that he can only have a farm market if he has product to sell from his own farm, which he does not have. He cannot bring other produce in. He questions the idea of a flea market. Mr. Marcinack wants to call it a “market,” instead. Atty, Dowd said that he isn’t permitted to sell retail in the I1 zone. He will have to apply for a PDD. Next, he will have to ask the Village to amend the zoning with a PDD, zoning change, discuss it with Village Board, address local law, change the zoning on the property and keep the business he currently has. He had come to the Board in the past regarding this; he plans to be more aggressive with it, now. He will try to get the info in by the next meeting.

RE: REPORTS

Police Chief Walsh reported that they applied for, and received, a grant from the Governors Traffic Safety Committee. They will be participating in Operation Safe Stop on April 16th which involves following school buses and ticket drivers who unlawfully pass stopped school buses. This is statewide. In addition, they will be participation in the Distracted Driving Enforcement Campaign which is also statewide, and under the same grant, April 10th-15th, for cell phone violations. They will be reapplying for the same grant next year. Lieutenant Hierliehe will be teaching the Breath Test Operator Course at the OC Police Academy on April 15, 16, and 17; the Village of Montgomery Police Department has never had anyone instruct at the OC Police Academy-this is a milestone. The Town of Wallkill has requested us to send two officers for their annual 4th of July celebration. Mayor Brescia suggested he send Smitty and another officer. The annual

bike rodeo will be on Sunday, May 2nd at the Senior Center from 9am-12pm. The Montgomery Nursery School will be having their annual triathlon on the 14th and 15th of May-they will be sending officers to assist with that. The D.A.R.E. graduation went very well.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTON TO SET FY 2015-2016 REGULAR MEETINGS FOR ALL BOARDS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution to set the FY 2015-2016 Regular Meetings for all Boards. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN ADVANCE OF THE AUDIT FOR UTILITIES, POSTAGE, FREIGHT AND EXPRESS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution to authorized payment in advance of the audit for utilities, postage, freight and express. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTON TO AUTHORIZED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND SCHOOL, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, ETC. CONDUCTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution to authorized municipal officials, employees to attend school, conferences, seminars, etc, conducted for the benefit of the Village of Montgomery. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ANNUALLY AUDIT/EXAMINE COURT RECORDS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution to annually audit/examine court records. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution to designate official depository for all municipal funds. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SET THE REIMBURSEMENT MILAGE AT THE IRS ALLOWANCE

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board adopted a resolution to set the mileage reimbursement rate at the IRS allowance at 57.5 cents per mile. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO RE-LEVY OUTSTANDING WATER/SEWER BILLS OF FY 2014-2015 RENTS AND APPROVE PAYMENT TO WATER/SEWER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,568.29.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board adopted a resolution to re-levy outstanding water/sewer bill of FY 2014-2015 rents and approve payment to water/sewer funds in the amount of \$104,568.29. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO LEVY FY 2015-2016 TAXES AND GRANT EXECUTION OF TAX WARRANT BY MAYOR AND CLERK

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adopted a resolution to levy FY 2015-2016 taxes and grant execution of tax warrant by Mayor and Clerk. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPTION OF THE FY 2015-2016 BUDGET

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted the FY 2015-2016 Budget. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE FUTURE OF THE “WALLKILL RIVER” TO ENGAGE OUR REGION AND IMPROVE THE LOWER WALLKILL WATERSHED

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adopted a resolution in support of participation in the future of the “Wallkill River” to engage our region and improve the lower Wallkill Watershed. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: HYDRANT FLUSHING

April 13TH through April 17TH

RE: NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE

Village Board of Trustee meeting of Tuesday, April 21st is rescheduled for Monday, April 20th, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

RE: MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the minutes of March 17th, 2015. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Maria Beltrametti wanted to congratulate the Mayor and two Trustees who were re-elected. She was disappointed with the turnout; that only 19% voted. She considers herself the leader of the “Loyal Opposition” and will continue the quest for clarity and accountability. A perfect example of waste and mismanagement, to her, is the Senior Center. The appliances in the kitchen; subzero refrigerator, the Wolf stove and hood; they are trophy appliances. She feels that \$2,500 for appliances would have been a better investment. She will continue to shine a light on these items. She also feels that the election process is incorrect and will investigate it, even though it is set by the Board of Elections.

Mayor Brescia said the turnout in the Village was the second highest in the County of Orange and that he’s proud to serve the Village of Montgomery. He asks Ms. Beltrametti not to interrupt him, Ms. Beltrametti’s comments about the Senior Center, buying cheap merchandise to save money is like turning back the clock to save time. We spend money prudently; sometimes things cost a little more. She may not think things run fine but the residents in the Village of Montgomery think things are running pretty good. He’s proud to serve the Village of Montgomery and will always look for ways to improve.

Regarding the Waters Edge issue, Mayor Brescia stated that Buddy has been looking into ways to resolve it. He has been giving filters to the residents. The Village spent over \$12,000 on an Aquafree process which did not clear the water. They have had experts come in to assist with fixing it. Mr. Berger said there is at least 12 residents who have brown water issues. He gives the Board a picture of brown water. He doesn’t feel they should be paying for it. He knows that what Buddy is doing is not working. He is looking for the Board to help on a more personal level; even by dispensing bottled water. Atty. Dowd said the Village is trying to fix the problem once and for all. Legally, they cannot reimburse for the brown water issue. It would be a major cost to replace the pipes in Waters Edge. They would have to borrow the money and it could cost more for the taxpayers in the Village. Mr. Magyar asked if the filters they have had been put in by the Village. Mayor Brescia believes so. Mr. Berger said other homes could use filters. Mayor Brescia said he will speak with Buddy.

Ms. Beltrametti said that at the last meeting, Buddy referred to a worst case scenario. Atty. Dowd responded to Ms. Beltrametti with, by taking the best producer (well) offline and working on Holt 4, (which is the main source), and put other well online, this will cause other issues.

Mr. Devitt mentioned considering the Orange County Water Authority for guidance and grants. He is on the Water Authority and they would need a formal request.

RE: MOTION TO REQUEST HELP FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board motioned to request help from the Orange County Water Authority. Motion carried 4-Aye, 0-Nays.

Ms. Beltrametti asked if there would be a sewage plant expansion if the Chandler Lane development happens. The Mayor said they already planned on expanding by 250,000 gallons per day. He explained the costs entailed if Chandler Lane development is built. There may be a grants, as well.

Mr. Berger questioned Executive Session and the procedure was explained.

In reference to Chandler Lane PDD, Mr. Devitt said they submitted a draft table of contents to the consultants. They are putting it together and will submit to Village Board when complete. There will be a public meeting afterward.

Trustee Lindner mentioned that May 2nd will be Love my Park Day. He said they need volunteers at 9am at the park and walking path to help clean up. In June, there will be 8 pieces of equipment added to the walking path.

Tom Steed said he is there to invite everyone to the Town of Montgomery Senior Independence Project Recognition Dinner on April 15th, at the Senior Center in Maybrook.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Tina Murphy, Deputy Village Clerk